



## PROCLAMATION NO. 2016-05

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA, TO PROCLAIM OCTOBER 2016 AS “DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH” IN GILA COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence continues to be a major social crisis in our society;

**WHEREAS**, all Arizonans are affected by domestic violence directly or indirectly, and domestic violence costs this state and county millions of dollars in lost productivity and health costs;

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence affects every child and adult in Gila County as a victim/survivor or as a family member, significant other, neighbor or co-worker of a victim/survivor;

**WHEREAS**, the problem of domestic violence is not confined to any group or groups of people, but crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious, and societal barriers, and is sustained by societal indifference;

**WHEREAS**, volunteers and service providers in our community are working to provide a continuum of care to domestic violence survivors through 24-hour hotlines, emergency shelter, case management, support groups, advocacy, information and referrals, transportation and education and training;

**WHEREAS**, Gila County seeks to improve services for victims/survivors of domestic violence and prevent future acts of domestic violence through public awareness and services for victims and perpetrators;

**WHEREAS**, this community recognizes the vital importance of designating a time devoted to increase the general public’s awareness and support of agencies providing services to domestic violence victims and perpetrators; and

**WHEREAS**, we hold forth a vision of a community free from domestic violence.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the members of Gila County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim October 2016 as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month” in Gila County.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 2016.

ATTEST:

**GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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Marian Sheppard, Clerk of the Board

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Michael A. Pastor, Chairman

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Tommie C. Martin, Vice-Chairman

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John D. Marcanti, Member